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May 31, 1939.

Mr. A.R.Markle,
Box 506
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Markle : -

Your letter of the thirtieth arrived this morning. We were very much interested to learn of the later activities of the Reverend John Covert and thank you for the information.

If you ever publish anything about the Coverts or the St.Agnes Hall, please send us copies .

You are correct in saying that public records in the Hamilton County Court House before 1884 were destroyed by the riot and fire. However, many of the deeds have been reproduced from duplicates, we understand.

The librarian of the Historical Society, and the address :

Miss Eleanor S. Wilby, Librarian
Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio
University of Cincinnati Library Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

That library will be closed for about a month this summer, probably during August.

Yours very truly,

Mary R. Cochran.

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April 30, 1939.

Reference Librarian,
Public Library,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Librarian:

Can you give me any information on the Ohio Female College of Glendale, Ohio in the eighteen fifties?

Does it still exist or can I in some way find a Catalog of that time?

My Mother, Lorenda Kilgore (1839-1882) attended a term or more from her home in Brookville, Indiana, some where about that time.

In an old Herbarium and an Autograph Album are many entries identified as "O F C" and I have thought that the College at Oxford was meant. While I am not yet satisfied as to the contrary, there is a chance that Ohio was meant.

The books at Miami do not contain her name, though I am sure that some where in her album or some other book, the name is given as "Oxford".

If a Catalog can be found, I believe that the names in the album and particulalry one who says "Commencement Day, soon we must part". will definitely place her at one or the other College.

Yours truly,

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May 22, 1939.

Mr. A.R.Markle,
Box 506
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Markle : -

Please pardon our delay in replying to your letter of the thirtieth of April!

You asked for information about the college for women in Glendale, Ohio, in the 185●'s. So we looked in the "History of Hamilton County" by the Fords and found, on page 377, that the Glendale Female College "was founded...in September 1854" and named..."American Female College". The founder had come to Ohio from New York state "founded a seminary in Ohio, near Columbus and still later founded and conducted the Ohio Female college at College Hill. In April, 1856, he transferred this institution to ... changed the name next year to 'Glendale Female College'".

The library has one catalog of the Glendale Female College, that for 1873, the "Nineteenth Annual Catalogue". It gives a list of graduates, beginning with the class of 1855, but Lorenda Kilgore is not included. However, she might have studied in the school and not remained to graduate.

College Hill, until 1911 a suburb of Cincinnati, now part of the city, was the seat of two colleges. According to "Cincinnati the Queen City" by Goss, volume 2 page 530, the "Ohio Female College was founded in what is now College Hill in 1848... Farmers College, founded in 1832".

This library has no catalogs from the Ohio Female College but we have telephoned to the Historical and Philosophical Society Society's librarian to see if she has any and if your mother's name is included.

College Hill lies nearer to the Cincinnati-Brookville pike than does Glendale.

Yours very truly,

Mary R. Cochran.

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May 25, 1939.

Mr. A.R.Markle,
Box 506
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Markle : -

A book which we had wished to see before answering your recent letter, was found to-day. It is the
History of College Hill and Vicinity
with a Sketch of Pioneer Life in this
Part of Ohio, by Samuel F. Cary. 1886.

I am quoting it because it disagrees with the books we quoted in our earlier letter. You can judge for yourself as to which author is more reliable. Mr. Cary apparently was a descendant of one of the first settlers in College Hill. He says, on pages 21 and 22 :

> In the year 1852, the Rev.John Covert purchased the ground now owned by the Sanitarium, and built a large and commodious building three stories high, and chapel and music halls. The funds necessary were secured by subscription in all the surrounding country embracing several counties. The subscribers to the fund were to be reimbursed in board and tuition of their daughters at special rates. Mr. Covert had a corps of excellent teachers and conducted the Ohio Female College with success for a number of years. The building was destroyed by fire in 1858. Mr. Covert sold the ground and the remaining buildings to ... they assuming the outside obligations for board and tuition... Wood and Taylor proceeded at once to erect a still more...perfect structure... A full corps of first-class professors was employed...
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> The College was a grand success in every respect except financially...in 1868 it was again destroyed by fire...a member of the Board undertook to rebuild...after a year or two he sold out ...for a Sanatarium and the Ohio Female College became extinct.

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Yours truly,

Mary R. Cochran.